

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An instrument for holding an intervertebral spacer, ~~the instrument including,~~ includes a shaft having a proximal end forming a handle, and a distal end forming a claw subassembly for holding ~~said the~~ spacer; ~~said the~~ claw subassembly including a first pincer which is fixed at the distal end of the shaft and a second pincer which is selectively rotateable into and out of spacer holding association with said first pincer to hold and release, respectively, the spacer, ~~and.~~ The instrument includes an actuation mechanism for selectively rotating the second pincer, wherein the first and second pincers have opposing curved surfaces that extend to a distal end of the instrument.